Promotion of contract farming

2877. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to mechanise farming by promoting contract farming;

(b) if so, whether lesser number of labourers will be required in mechanized farming;

(c) the social and financial benefits likely to accrue by this method of farming;

(d) the names of the States where contract farming has been started;

(e) whether the entry of several multi-national companies in agriculture sector has become easy after the promotion of the contract farming in the country;

(f) if so, the names of the multi-national companies entered in this field, so far; and

(g) the areas of land which has been taken under the contract farming, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Contract farming does not by itself require mechanization and as such the question of this method resulting in loss of employment opportunities does not arise.

(c) and (d) In our country contract farming has considerable potential where small and marginal farmers can not be competitive without access to modern technologies and support. The contractual agreement with the farmer, provides access to production services, credit, knowledge of new technology and an assured market. As a measure of promoting contract farming the Ministry suggested amendment to the State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act (APMC Act). The States have been advised to provide an institutional arrangement, as envisaged in the Model Act, namely the State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2003 as circulated by the Ministry, for registration of sponsoring companies, recording of Contract Farming Agreement, indemnity to farmers' land and lay down a time bound dispute resolution

mechanism. Contract farming is in vogue in a number of States such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

(e) to (g) The details of Companies engaged in contract farming arrangements and the area covered under different crops is given in the Statement.

Statement

Status of Contract Farming

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Agency (Sponsor of contract farming)	Commodities covered	Area covered (in Hectares)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)	Cotton	1215
		Aduri Natural Products, ACE Agrotech, Caricorn Natural Products, Mahendra & Mahendra	Gherkins	3239
		Cadbury India Limited	Cocoa	8097
		Godrej, Palm Tech, SICAL, Simhapuri Industry & Radhika Vegetable oil Industries etc.	Oil palm	
		ITC Limited	Oriental Tobacco	567
		Dabur India Ltd.	Medicinal Plants & herbs	-
		Global Greens	Baby corn, paprica	-
2.	Chhattisgarh	Godrej Agrovet Company	Maize	230
		BEC Company	Tomato	-
3.	Gujarat	Atreyas Agro Organic Pvt. Ltd., Gandhi Nagar,	Jetropha plant	8097
		Me cain	Potato	-
		Agrovell Pvt Ltd. (Kutch Distt.)	Organic Cotton	1012
4.	Haryana	Ivon Exchange Pune, Maharashtra (Distt. Ambala)	Basmati	8
		Ivon Exchange Pune, Maharashtra (Distt. Kurukshetra)	Basmati	40

1	2	3	4	5
		K.D. Seeds Ltd. & Mahyco seeds Pvt Ltd. (Distt. Kurukshetra)	Wheat,	60
		Agraocel Industries Ltd under agrocel certified organic farming project	Basmati	279
		HSDC, Pataudi	Wheat, Barley	9
		India Malt Industries Gurgaon Distt. Rohtak	Barley	69
5.	Himachal Pradesh	NFC, Himalya International and Dabur India Ltd.	Basal and Thyme, Medicinal plants and herbs	-
6.	Karnataka	KAPEEC, Banglore	Gherkins	15671
7.	Kerala	Nadukkara agro Processing Company (Distt. Moovattupuzha Ernakulum)	Pine apple	
		Vegetable and fruits promotion council Keralam	Banana	-
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Veg-O-fresh Ltd. Indore, Frito-Lay India, Pepsico India Ltd, Bikanerwala foods, Jain Irrigation, Jalgaon, Industries Mandsaur (MP), Raj. International Indore, Kannan & Co. Indore.	Potato Brown, Onion, Garlic, Coriander	-
		Marico	Safflower	-
		Rallis, Dabur	Wheat, Medicinal Plants and herbs	
9.	Maharashtra	NDDB-ION Exchange	Organic Banana	
		Ecofarms, Vidharbha organic farming association (Yavamatal)	Organic Cotton	
		Mahyco-Mahindra	Hybrid seeds	
		Jain Irrigation, Jalgaon	Onion	
		Trikaya foods-(Pune/Mumbai)	Exotic Vegetables	
		ION Exchange-(Sidhudurg)	Cashewnut, Mango	
		Hindustan lever Ltd.-(Satara)	Wheat	
		Chikky producer-(pune)	Groundnut	-
		Deccan flora, Kumar genetics	Flowers	
		Pepsi Co India Holding Pvt. Ltd (Frito-lay Division)	Potato	

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Orissa	Orissa State seeds Corporation	Paddy, Maize, Ragi, Green Gram, Arhar, Sesamum, Groundnut, Niger, Mustard, Vegetables	7889
		M/s J K Papers	Eucaluptus	11
		M/s Shakti Sugars Ltd.	Sugarcane	80
		M/s Bilati Orissa	Tomato	320
		M/s ITC Ltd.	Turmeric, Coriander and Chillies	140
11	Punjab	Punjab Agro Foodgrains Corporation Ltd.	Maize, Barley, Durum wheat, Sunflower, Hyola, Moog, Basmati, Guar, and castor	100810
		Frito lay (Pepsi)	Potato	-
		AM todd	Mint	
		Vardhman	Cotton	
		United Breweries	Barley	
12	Rajasthan	M/s HLL,	Tomato	-
		M/s Rajtech Agro	Exotic vegetables	8
13	Tamil Nadu	Appachi Cotton Company	Cotton	538
		Royal Classic Mills	Cotton	2322
		Super Spinning Mills	Cotton	894
		Rich fields Solutions	Maize	384
		Cooperative Sugar Mills	Sugarcane	300,000
		Pepsico	Seaweed	
		EID Perry	Paddy (Branded rice ponni)	
		Suguna, Pioneer, Shri, Venkateshwara Hatcheries, Swathi Hatcheries	Broiler	-
		Vardhman, Prime Bio Products	Cotton, Maize, Sunflower	
		Golden fries Ltd.	Potato	
		Century Agrotech	Jatropha	
		M/s Mohan Brewaries and Distilleries Limited, Coimbatore	Jatropha	119
		M/s Shiva Distilleries Limited, Coimbatore	Jatropha	414

1	2	3	4	5
		M/s Dharani sugars and Chemicals Limited, Chennai	Jatropha	-
		M/s River way Agro Products limited, Chennai	Jatropha	160
		Cauvery Palm Oil Limited, Tirchirapalli	*Oil Palm*	330
14.	Uttar Pradesh	Frito lay (Pepsi)	Potato	-
		Rallis	Basmati	
		Dabur	Medicinal plants and herbs	
		Wimco	Popular	
15.	West Bengal	Pepsico India Holding Private Ltd. (Frito-lay Division)	Potato	20.24
		Callipso Bengal Foods Private Ltd., Jalpaiguri.	Pineapple, Gherkin	-

Suicides

2878. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no conclusive figures on the numbers of farmers' suicides in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of the statistics relating to farmers' suicides, State-wise and year-wise since 2000;

(d) whether Government feel the need for a proper suicide census in the country to effectively address the problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) The figures on the number of farmers' suicide are obtained by the State Governments concerned. As reported by the State Governments, the number of suicide by farmers is given in the Statement (*See* below).

A proper database on suicide by farmers in the country is required to understand the nature of the problem the factors prompting them to commit suicide, and accordingly arrive at the remedial measures to prevent its recurrence.